

Board Administration and Regulatory Coordination Unit

Division 3. Air Resources Board

Chapter 5. Standards for Motor Vehicle Fuels

Article 3. Specifications for Alternative Motor Vehicle Fuels

§ 2292.2. Specifications for M-85 Fuel Methanol.

The following standards apply to M-85 fuel methanol
(The identified test methods are incorporated herein by reference):

Specifications for M-85 Fuel Methanol

<i>Specification</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Test Method</i>
Methanol plus higher alcohols	84 vol. % (min.)	Annex A1 to the ASTM-D-2 Proposal P-232, Draft 8-9-91
Higher alcohols (C2-C8)	2 vol. % (max.)	ASTM D 4815-89
Hydrocarbons, + aliphatic ethers ^a	13-16 vol. %	ASTM D 4815-89 then subtract concentration of alcohols, ethers and water from 100 to obtain percent hydrocarbons
Vapor pressure, dry ^b		Methods contained in Title 13, Section 2262 are preferred. ASTM D 4953-90 is an alternative method, however, in case of dispute about the vapor pressure, the value determined by the methods contained in Title 13, Section 2262 shall prevail over the value calculated by ASTM D 4953-90, including its precision statement.
Luminosity		Shall produce a luminous flame, which is visible under maximum daylight conditions, throughout the entire burn duration.
Acidity as acetic acid	0.005 mass % (max.)	ASTM D 1613-85
Total chlorine as chloride	0.0002 mass % (max.)	ASTM D 3120-87 modified for the det. of organic chlorides, and ASTM D 2988-86
Lead	2 mg/l (max.) ^c	ASTM D 3229-88
Phosphorus	0.2 mg/l (max.) ^d	ASTM D 3231-89
Sulfur	0.004 mass % (max.)	ASTM D 2622-87
Gum, heptane washed	5 mg/100 ml (max.)	ASTM D 381-86
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Test Method</i>
Total particulates	0.6 mg/l (max.)	ASTM D 2276-89, modified to replace cellulose acetate filter with a 0.8 micron pore size membrane filter
Water	0.5 mass % (max.)	ASTM E 203-75
Appearance	Free of turbidity, suspended matter and sediment	Visually determined at 25°C by Proc. A of ASTM D 4176-86

^a Hydrocarbon fraction shall have a final maximum boiling point of 225 degrees C by ASTM method D 86-90, oxidation stability of 240 minutes by ASTM test method D 525-88 and No. 1 maximum copper strip corrosion by ASTM method D 130-88. Ethers must be aliphatic. No manganese added. Adjustment of RVP must be performed using common blending components from the gasoline stream. Starting on 4/1/96, the hydrocarbon fraction must also meet specifications for benzene, olefin content, aromatic hydrocarbon content, maximum T90 and maximum T50 found in California Code of Regulations, Title 13 sections 2262.3, 2262.4, 2262.7 and 2262.6 (T90 & T50), respectively.

^b RVP range of 7.0 to 9.0 psi for those geographical areas and times indicated for A, A/B, B/A and B volatility class fuels in Table 2 of ASTM D 4814-91b. RVP range of 9.0 to 13.1 psi for those geographical areas and times indicated for B/C, C/B, C, C/D and D/C volatility fuels. RVP range of 10.9 to 13.1 psi for those geographical areas and times indicated for D, D/E, E/D and E volatility fuels. Geographical areas referenced in this note shall be adjusted to reflect the air basin boundaries set forth in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 60100 through 60113.

^c No added lead.

^d No added phosphorus.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601, 43013, 43018, and 43101, *Health and Safety Code*; and *Western Oil and Gas Ass'n. v. Orange County Air Pollution Control District*, 14 Cal. 3d 411, 121 Cal. Rptr. 249 (1975). Reference: Sections 39000, 39001, 39002, 39003, 39010, 39500, 40000, 43000, 43016, 43018 and 43101, *Health and Safety Code*; and *Western Oil and Gas Ass'n. v. Orange County Air Pollution Control District*, 14 Cal. 3d 411, 121 Cal. Rptr. 249 (1975).

REFERENCE